

Amendments to the Specification

On page 1, immediately above “Background of the Invention”, insert the following text as a new paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application serial no. 09/900,651, filed July 6, 2001, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.--

On page 4, delete the paragraph starting “As shown in Figure 2 ...” and substitute therefor the following replacement paragraph:

--As is shown in Figure 2, a elevator car platform **21** for supporting an elevator car (not shown), having a front edge **22** with a left front corner **22L** and a right front corner **22R** and back edge **23** with a left back corner **23L** and a right back corner **23R**, is suspended from an upper portion of elevator sling **24** by a plurality of upper tension members **25, 26, 27, and 28**. The upper portion of the sling **24** is that portion above the elevator car platform **21**. Conversely any portion of the sling **24** below the elevator car platform **21** may be referred to as the lower portion the sling **24**. The sling **24** has a left stile **29** and right stile **30**. The left stile **29** and right stile **30** have upper portions **[[9A and 10A]] 29A and 30A**, respectively, and lower portions **29B** and **30B**, respectively. A crosshead **31** spans and connects the upper portions of the stiles **29A** and **30A**. And a safety plank **32** spans the lower portions of the stiles **29B** and **30B**. A fastening plate **33** is mounted in a center portion of and under the safety plank **32**. Those skilled in the art will recognize that the crosshead **31** need not be affixed at the exact upper ends of the stiles **29** and **30** and likewise the safety plank **[[22]] 33** need not be affixed at the exact bottom of the stiles **29** and **30**.--

On page 5, delete the paragraph starting “In addition to being suspended ...” and substitute therefor the following replacement paragraph:

--In addition to being suspended from the upper portions 29A and 30A of the stiles 29 and 30 of the elevator sling 24, the elevator car platform 21 may also be secured to the safety plank ~~[[22]]~~ 32 by a plurality of lower tension members. Lower tension member 34 secures the right front corner of the platform 22R to a fastening plate 33 and may be fastened to the fastening plate 33 and the platform 21 with standard fasteners. Lower tension member 35 secures the left front corner of the platform 22L to the fastening plate 33 and may be fastened to the fastening plate 33 and the platform 21 with standard fasteners. Lower tension member 36 secures the right back corner of the platform 23R to the fastening plate and may be fastened to the fastening plate 33 and the platform 21 with standard fasteners. A fourth lower tension member (not shown) secures the left back corner of the platform 23L to the fastening plate 33 and may be fastened to the fastening plate 33 and the platform 21 with standard fasteners. The upper and lower tension members may, but need not, be fastened to the exact corners of the elevator car platform 21. The upper and lower tension members may be fastened to the platform 21 in any manner that provides adequate support for the platform 21.--

Delete the present Abstract and substitute therefor the following replacement Abstract:

~~--An apparatus and method for isolating an elevator car from elevator system vibrations is described. The~~ An isolation system and method comprise suspending an elevator platform from an upper portion of an elevator sling with upper tension members. In addition to being suspended from the sling by upper tension members, the elevator car platform may be secured to a lower portion of the sling from with lower tension members. The tension members preferably have an in-use frequency of vibration below the frequencies of the elevator system vibrations. In an alternative embodiment, upper vibration attenuating tension members may be used to suspend the elevator car platform and the platform may be secured to the lower portion of the sling with standard isolation mounts instead of lower tension members. The tension members employed by the present invention may be manufactured from cables containing aramid fibers, such as Kevlar® rope.--